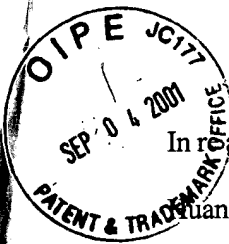


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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 9-274656, published October 21, 1997.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 4-252383, published September 8, 1992.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. 61-43379, published March 1, 1986.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. 61-145686, published July 3, 1986.
5. Japanese Patent Application No. 63-132386, published June 4, 1988.
6. Japanese Patent Application No. 8-115425, published May 7, 1996.
7. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-240913, published September 11, 1998.

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